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To: DME Providers

RE: Program Changes

Alabama DME Providers should be aware of three important program changes.

1. Prior Authorization for Adult Prosthetic, Orthotic, and Pedorthic devices

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has received final approval to process prior authorizations for approved procedures on or after the effective date of March 1, 2008, for adults in a non-institutional setting between the ages of 21 and 65. A copy of the provider license and accreditation must accompany each prior authorization request. NOTE: All PA requests received prior to July 31, 2008, will not be subject to the 30-day timeliness requirement.

Please refer to Chapter 14 of the Medicaid Provider Manual for a list of the approved procedure codes and the required documentation at http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/programs/long_term_care/other_dme.aspx?tab=4&sub=2

2. Form 342A No Longer Required

Effective immediately, Alabama Medicaid will no longer require DME Providers to complete or submit Form **342A**.

3. Use of K0108 Code

K0108 (Wheelchair component or accessory not otherwise specified) should be used only when there is not an appropriate HCPC code listed on the fee schedule for the requested item.

Effective September 1, 2008, providers will be subject to having their request denied and will be required to submit a new request using the most appropriate code.

If you have any additional questions or need further clarification, you may contact Ida Gray, at (334)-353-4753, Hattie Nettles at (334)-242-5644, or Nancy Headley at (334)-242-5684.

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